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FYI. Glad Hank got the rendition points before he left. thx

UK: Leaked "Rendition" Memo Raises Questions for PM

(C) According to media reports, the *New Statesman* magazine will publish this week a leaked December 7th FCO memo to Number 10 which advised senior ministers not to get drawn into details about extraordinary rendition. The memo reportedly said "we cannot say that we have received no such requests for the use of UK territory or airspace" and asked "how do we know whether those [prisoners] our Armed Forces have helped to capture in Iraq or Afghanistan have subsequently been sent to interrogation centers?" Number 10 and the FCO had no comment, saying the Government's policy is not to comment on leaked memos. Conservative Party Shadow Minister William Hague asked the government to clarify its position. LibDem foreign affairs spokesman Nick Clegg suggested the memo may be a breach of the Ministerial Code requiring ministers to be as open as possible with Parliament and the public.

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